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This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number <u>08/748.935</u> filed on <u>November 13, 1996</u>, entitled <u>METHOD FOR GENERATING THREE-DIMENSIONAL FORM DATA AND APPARATUS THEREFOR.</u>

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR § 1.51(b) and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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Diane, attached is supporting documentation indicating that we filed a timely Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) and Preliminary Amendment with the Group on 4-2-99, three days prior to the 4-5-99 issue fee due date. Accordingly, please kindly withdraw the Notice of Abandonment. As always, thank you so very much for all your assistance. Dexter

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In re Application of:

Shigeaki IMAI et al.

Serial No.: 08/748,935

Filed: November 13, 1996

CPA - 37 C.F.R. \$1.53(b)

For: METHOD FOR GENERATING THREE-

DIMENSIONAL FORM DATA AND

APPARATUS THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination, please kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please kindly add new claims 23-28 as follows:

23. (New) A computer-implemented method of generating three-dimensional form data to be used in a computer apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a plurality of lines;

projecting the lines to generate a group of curves along a surface of a three dimensional form model; and

modifying the group of curves by moving a curve or curves in the group along a surface of the three-dimensional form model.

24. A computer-implemented method of generating three-dimensional form data to be used in a computer apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a plurality of lines;

projecting the lines to generate a group of curves along a surface of a three dimensional form model; and

modifying the group of curves by adding a curve or curves projected to the three-dimensional form model to the group of curves.

25. (New) A computer-implemented method of generating three-dimensional form data to be used in a computer apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a plurality of lines;

projecting the lines to generate a group of curves along a surface of a three dimensional form model; and modifying the grope of curves by deleting a curve or curves in the group of curves.

(New) A computer-implemented medium having stored thereon a plurality of sequences of instructions, said plurality of sequence of instructions including sequences of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause said processor to generate three-dimensional form data by performing the steps of:

generating a plurality of lines;

projecting the lines to generate a group of curves along a surface of a three dimensional form model; and

modifying the group of curves of moving a curve or curves in the group along a surface of the three dimensional form model.

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27. (New) A computer-implemented medium having stored thereon a plurality of sequences of instructions, said plurality of sequence of instructions including sequences of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause said processor to generate three-dimensional form data by performing the steps of:

generating a plurality of lines;

projecting the lines to generate a group of curves along a surface of a three dimensional form model; and

modifying the group of curves by adding a curve or curves projected to the three-dimensional form model to the group of curves.

28. (New) A computer-implemented medium having stored thereon a plurality of sequences of instructions, said plurality of sequence of instructions including sequences of instructions, which, when executed by a processor, cause said processor to generate three-dimensional form data by performing the steps of:

generating a plurality of lines;

projecting the lines to generate a group of curves along a surface of a three dimensional form model; and

modifying the group of curves by deleting a curve or curves in the group of curves.

<u>REMARKS</u>

The claims 1-22 of the above-identified application were allowed on January 5, 1999.

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Applicants have now opted to forego payment of the issue fee, due April 5, 1999, and submit herewith a Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d).

In addition, Applicants hereby add the foregoing new claims 23-28 for examination in the CPA.

Respectfully submitted,

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